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கெட்டிருக்கிறதா அல்லது வேண்டுமென்றே சொல்லுகிறார்களா என்பதை பரிசிலனை செய்து எந்தெந்தப் பஞ்சாலை மில்களிலே ஜெனரேட்டர்கள் இருக்கின்றனவோ, அவைகளை ஓட்டுவதன் மூலம் முழு வேலை கொடுப்பதற்கு முயற்சி செய்யவேண்டும் என்று தாழ்மையுடன் கேட்டுக்கொண்டு, இந்த ஜெனரேட்டர்களை உடனடியாக ஓட்டுவதற்கு தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று கூறிக்கொண்டு, எனது பேச்சை முடித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in view of the deteriorating power position in the Hydro-Electric Systems of the State on account of increased power consumption and depleted storages of reservoir, etc., and in order to meet the power demand and consumption in the Hydro-Electric and the Madras Electricity Systems, the Madras State Electricity Board has imposed a 25 per cent cut in power supply on all except certain essential services and domestic consumers having a monthly consumption of 20 units and less.

Some textile mills have their own standby or emergency sets for producing electricity to run the mills. Government have no information as to whether the textile mills are or are not operating such standby sets, during the power cut and if not the reasons therefor.

The Government have no power to compel the mills to use the standby sets to make up for the cut in power-supply to the mills. Government however, appeal to Industrialists to mitigate the hardship caused by the power cut by utilizing any power capacity they may possess.

Sir, workers have remedies under the Industrial Disputes Act in regard to closure, lay off or retrenchment, if any, caused by the power cut.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS SALES OF MOTOR SPIRIT TAXATION (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation (Second Amendment) Bill [a], 1958.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation (Second Amendment) Bill, 1958.'

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

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